

**Delaware Health Care Commission
DELAWARE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH**

December 2, 2015

**University of Delaware
STAR Campus Health Sciences Complex, Room 113
540 S. College Avenue
Newark**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Sherman Townsend, Chairman; Brian M. Aboff, MD, FACP; David Barlow, PhD; Neil Jasani, MD, MBA; Chuan-Shue Lee; Vincent Lobo, Jr., DO; Kathleen S. Matt, PhD; and James Richards, PhD.

Staff Present: Laura Howard and Marlyn Marvel, Delaware Health Care Commission

Also Present: Debbie Benvenger, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine; and Brian Sweeney, M.D.

Participating by Telephone: Helen Arthur, Delaware Health Care Commission, and Wayne Smith, DIMER Board member.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sherman Townsend called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He introduced Laura Howard, the new Executive Director of the Delaware Health Care Commission.

APPROVAL OF MAY 27, 2015 AND SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Action

Dr. Brian Aboff made a motion that the minutes of the May 27, 2015 and September 23, 2015 DIMER Board meetings be approved. Dr. Neil Jasani seconded the motion. There was a voice vote. Motion carried.

STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Funding Update

The DIMER Board reviewed the State Loan Repayment Program funding update that is attached to these minutes.

Review of Applications

The DIMER Board reviewed the summary of loan repayment applicants that is attached to these minutes. The Loan Repayment Committee met on November 10, 2015 and recommended that the loan repayment applicants be approved for the recommended amounts. All of the applicants are eligible and all of the loans have been verified.

Action

Dr. Aboff made a motion that the recommendations of the Loan Repayment Committee be approved. Dr. David Barlow seconded the motion. There was a voice vote. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Townsend stated that the line item in the Fiscal Year 2016 DIMER budget for tuition assistance was reduced from \$480,000 to \$280,200. Steps are being taken to have the funds restored.

It is hoped that a meeting can be arranged with representatives of PCOM, Sidney Kimmel Medical College, the Governor and his budget staff by the middle of January. Both PCOM and Sidney Kimmel Medical College have hired someone to represent them. Mr. Townsend will participate as the Chair of DIMER.

The DIMER budget has remained level for the past 15 years. As the State's budget has increased, the DIMER budget has not. Unfortunately it was part of the budget reduction.

2015-2016 Scholarship Distribution

The DIMER Board reviewed the 2015-2016 scholarship distribution at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and Sidney Kimmel Medical College.

Annual dinner with first and second year students at Sidney Kimmel Medical College

The annual dinner with first and second year students at Sidney Kimmel Medical College was held on Monday, November 30, 2015.

Annual dinner with students at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

The annual dinner with students at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2015. Ms. Benvenger stated that a tour of the campus will begin at 5:00 p.m. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the City Avenue Hilton and dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Annual dinner with third year Sidney Kimmel Medical College students

The annual dinner with third year Sidney Kimmel Medical College students at La Buca Restaurant will be held on Monday, January 4, 2016.

DIMER Board 2016 Meeting Locations

The Board had a discussion and determined that the University of Delaware STAR Campus Health Sciences Complex was the most appropriate venue for future DIMER Board meetings.

Christiana Care Residency Program

Dr. Aboff stated that the residency program at Christiana Care is doing well.

University of Delaware Center for Premedical and Health Professional Studies

Dr. Barlow stated that the Center for Premedical Studies is looking forward to moving to 196 South College Avenue in January. They plan to have an open house to celebrate. It is located north of the University of Delaware Visitor's Center.

Dr. Barlow stated that he has been contacted by two former DIMER students; one who attended Sidney Kimmel Medical College and one who attended PCOM. They have asked if the DIMER Board would like to have current medical school students participate in or represent themselves at DIMER Board meetings.

Mr. Townsend stated that he would like to have them all visit the Legislature.

Ms. Howard asked if there is a seat on the Board for a student representative. Mr. Townsend stated that there is not. The Board membership is designated by legislation. The Board could make a recommendation that one student from Sidney Kimmel Medical College and one student from PCOM be included on the DIMER Board. .

Dean Matt stated that the students could be asked to attend a DIMER Board meeting and make a presentation to begin the conversation. Mr. Townsend stated that the Board can designate each of the students as an ad hoc advisory without legislation.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Debbie Benvenger stated that, to date, PCOM received 50 primary applications from Delawareans. Of those, 29 have been selected to interview. To date, 26 have been interviewed, 22 have been accepted and 7 have confirmed their seat. The applicants accepted have until December 17 to respond.

Sidney Kimmel Medical College

Mr. Townsend stated that Sidney Kimmel Medical College has a class size of 250, for which there are over 9,000 applicants. To date, 16 have been accepted from Delaware. An admissions committee meeting will be held on January 22, which Mr. Townsend will attend.

University of Delaware

Dean Matt stated that the University of Delaware opened a new speech language hearing clinic. The accreditation team will visit next week. The first class will be 25 students. There are 270 applications in process for the 25 seats.

Dennis Assanis is the new president of the University of Delaware.

Brian Sweeney, MD

Mr. Townsend introduced Dr. Brian Sweeney who asked to join the meeting. He stated that Dr. Sweeney has completed his medical school requirements, is struggling to find a residency slot and has some thoughts and ideas to share with the Board.

Dr. Sweeney stated that he is a 15 year resident of Newark. He received his medical degree in December 2014 from a medical school in Puerto Rico as a nontraditional student. He is married and had to couple earning a medical degree with earning a living. He and his wife run an on line business which is going well.

He has spoken with Dr. Elizabeth Brooks at the Sidney Kimmel Medical Center and she recommended that he speak with Sherman Townsend. He completed his school rotations in Delaware and he is in his fourth year. He went to Christiana Care both in Wilmington and Newark. He also went to the Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Pennsylvania. He originally planned to pursue pediatrics. Now he is thinking that family medicine might be more appropriate. He is hoping to pursue residency in 2017. He plans to begin the process in January. He also followed up with a contact at Saint Francis Hospital. He would like to stay in Delaware.

Dr. Sweeney stated that there are thousands of students each year that do not get matched with a residency program. One state that is doing something about that is Missouri. They have something known as Assistant Physician legislation that they are working through, whereby

someone in Dr. Sweeney's position can follow a physician, become an Assistant Physician and then hopefully move on to becoming fully licensed.

Dr. Sweeney has currently passed the first two steps. There is one more test which most residents take when they are in residency. As a nontraditional medical doctor he would like for people to see him as a resource. He would like to see a relationship build between the residency programs at A.I. DuPont Nemours Hospital, Saint Francis Hospital, and Christiana Care in order to recognize the growing number of traditional and nontraditional applicants to address the physician shortage, create a community of medical students and residents and work toward retaining Delaware graduates.

Dr. Neil Jasani asked Dr. Sweeney to clarify his timeline. Peak interview seasons are October through January and matches are usually in March or April. Dr. Jasani stated that Dr. Sweeney mentioned that his timeline begins in April.

Dr. Sweeney stated that he is not going to pursue residency until 2017. His objective is to begin the process in April 2016 and apply in September 2016. He is a nontraditional student.

Dr. Jasani stated that it may be a good idea for Dr. Sweeney to participate in observerships at A.I. DuPont Hospital, Saint Francis or Christiana Care, to get to know people as he is preparing for the application season. If he wants to stay in the area he should get to know the program directors and perhaps volunteer or get to know them clinically.

Dr. Aboff stated that Dr. Sweeney should not be concerned about being a nontraditional student. That is not a determining factor in the interview process. It is more the competitiveness of the application, how the applicant did in medical school, their scores and their records. Christiana Care's ranking system is based on performance.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. It will be held at the University of Delaware STAR Campus in Conference Room 113.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

State Loan Repayment Program

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Funding Update

The Loan Repayment Program has the following funds available for distribution:

END DATE	AMOUNT	PROGRAM	SOURCE
June 30, 2016	\$ 301,430		State
	\$ 20,630	FY 15 DIMER SLRP	
	\$ 150,000	FY 16 DIMER SLRP	
	\$ 72,500	FY 15 DIDER SLRP	
	\$ 58,300	FY 16 DIDER SLRP	
August 31, 2016	\$ 420,000	DIMER or DIDER	FY 16 Federal

NOTE:

A carry over request in the amount of \$370,172 has been submitted to enable us to continue spending the FY 15 funds that were previously obligated with contracts for loan repayment awards.

Summary of SLRP Applicants

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New Eligible Sites:

Sussex Community Mental Health Clinic

- Sussex County
- HPSA Score: 15
- Recruit: Andrea Mancini-Smith, LPCMH

Eligible New Applicants*:

Gary Hartford, LPCMH

- Licensed Professional Counselor of Mental Health
- Delaware Guidance Services / Sussex County
- Recommended Award: \$35,000

Jamie Johnson Gellock, DO

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
- Westside Family Healthcare / New Castle County
- Recommended Award: \$70,000

Andrea Mancini-Smith, LPCMH

- Licensed Professional Counselor of Mental Health
- Sussex Community Mental Health Clinic / Sussex County
- Recommended Award: \$13,000

Emily McDonald Rumph Szeliga, PsyD

- Psychologist / Clinical Psychology
- Delaware Psychiatric Center / New Castle
- Recommended Award: \$35,000

* All applicants are eligible and all loans are verified

Eligible Continuation Applicants*:

Alireza Pirestani, DO

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine / Internal Medicine & Pediatrics
- Westside Family Healthcare / New Castle
- Recommended Award: \$35,000

Molly Tidey Sandrian, DO

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine / Internal Medicine & Pediatrics
- Westside Family Healthcare / New Castle
- Recommended Award: \$35,000

Douglas Schultz, PsyD

- Psychologist / Clinical & Forensic Psychology
- Delaware Psychiatric Center / New Castle
- Recommended Award: \$17,500

* All applicants are eligible and all loans are verified

Pending Applicants (next round):

Arthur Jones, Jr., DO

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine / OB-Gyn
- Nanticoke Women's Health Services / Sussex County
- Held Over: Incomplete application

Ineligible Applicants:

Christina Sykes, CNM

- Certified Nurse Midwife
- Dedicated to Women / Kent County
- Ineligible: For-profit practice

Lindie E. Garrett, NP

- Nurse Practitioner / Pediatrics
- Bright Future Pediatrics / Kent County
- Ineligible: For-profit practice

Incomplete Applications:

Amy Coy, RDH

- Registered Dental Hygienist
- La Red Health Center / Sussex County
- Received site application only

Robbie J. Carroll, NP

- Family Nurse Practitioner
- (site unknown)
- Received loan verifications only

Jennifer Boye

- (discipline unknown)
- (site unknown)
- Received loan verifications only